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## Macy's Pleads in Death of Employee

Macy's Corporate Services, Inc. has pleaded no contest to Corporate Criminal Liability for the death of an employee in 2009, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Daniel Wright of the Environmental Crimes Section said Macy's entered the plea on the misdemeanor count in case BA399249 yesterday.

As part of a negotiated settlement, Macy's will pay a \$950,000 fine at a sentencing hearing scheduled on Aug. 15, 2015 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 132.

On July 13, 2009, Roy Polanco, 65, was operating a cardboard baling and compactor machine at a Macy's distribution center in East Los Angeles when he fell into an unguarded opening of the unit. Polanco was crushed to death and decapitated by the machine's hydraulic compacting ram.

Balers are used to compact similar types of waste for recycling. The machine had been modified so it would operate without interruption.

Under the terms of the settlement, Macy's also must conduct an audit of all of the balers and compactors at their stores and distribution facilities in California. The audit must be approved by the District Attorney's Office.

The case was investigated by the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.